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Dear Colleague:

We are initiating a national search for the National Science Foundation's Assistant Director for Computer and Information Science and Engineering (CISE), and seek your assistance in the identification of candidates. Dr. Ruzena Bajcsy will be completing her assignment in this position this summer, having served in this position with distinction since December 1998. Her departure upon her return to the University of Pennsylvania will be a loss to the Foundation.

The Assistant Director, CISE, manages a Directorate comprised of five divisions: Computer-Communications Research, Information and Intelligent Systems, Advanced Networking Infrastructure and Research, Advanced Computational Infrastructure and Research, and Experimental and Integrative Activities. Enclosed is an [information sheet](#) which summarizes the Directorate's activities and the responsibilities of the position, together with the [criteria](#) that will be used in the search. Employment may be on a temporary or permanent basis in the Federal Service or by temporary assignment under provisions of the Intergovernmental Personnel Act.

We are very pleased to announce that Dr. John Hennessy, President, Stanford University, has agreed to head the Screening Committee. Both we and the Committee seek your help in identifying candidates with the following qualifications: outstanding leadership; a deep sense of scholarship; a grasp of the issues facing computer and information science and engineering in education and research; and the ability to serve effectively as a key member of the NSF management team. We are especially interested in identifying women, members of minority groups, and persons with disabilities for consideration. Recommendations of individuals from any sector -- academic, industry, or government -- are welcome.

Please send your recommendations, including any supporting information which you might be able to provide, to the AD/CISE Screening Committee via e-mail (cisesrch@nsf.gov) or at the following address: National Science Foundation, Office of the Director, Suite 1205, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230. We would appreciate receiving your recommendations by June 22, 2001.

Your assistance in this very important task is appreciated.

<signed>
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Director

Enclosures

1. [Information Sheet on the Directorate for Computer and Information Science and Engineering](#)
2. [Screening Committee Review Criteria for Assistant Director, Computer and Information Science and Engineering](#)

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